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WHOEVER IS ORGANIZING EGGMAN'S ROBOTS IS REALLY STEPPING UP THEIR GAME.
I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!

IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH FIGHTING OFF THIS ARMY ON MY OWN.
MAYBE AMY WAS RIGHT... I COULD USE THE RESISTANCE'S HELP ON THIS ONE.
THEN AGAIN, THE RESISTANCE ISN'T ALREADY HERE. MAYBE WORD HASN'T REACHED THEM YET?
IN THAT CASE, IF I WAS WITH THEM, I NEVER WOULD'VE KNOWN ABOUT THIS ATTACK.
NO TIME FOR SECOND-GUESSING. BASH THE BOTS. SAVE THE TOWN. KEEP IT SIMPLE.
...SOMEBODY'S HERE?

HA!
HNGH!
BOOM

WOO!
AND OW.
WOO AND OW!

WATCH YOUR BACK!
WHOOPS! THANKS!

WELCOME TO MY HOMETOWN! SORRY FOR THE MESS. WE'VE GOT A BIT OF A ROBOT PROBLEM.
PROBLEM? WHAT PROBLEM?

HA! YOU'RE SWEET NOT TO NOTICE.
NICE ONE! YOU'RE A NATURAL. DO THIS A LOT?

YOU COULD SAY THAT. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
OH, SWEET! ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOU. TANGLE THE LEMUR.
CHARMED.
LIKEWISE.

I'VE BEEN FENDING OFF THE ODD RAIDS FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT THIS IS NUTS.
PULL!
POW
POW
POW
YEAH, THE RANDOM GANGS ARE STARTING TO GET ORGANIZED. DUNNO WHY. I'M LOOKING INTO IT.

RAKKA-
RAKKA-
RAKKA-
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE THE ADVANCE GUARD FOR THE RESISTANCE?
PRETTY SURE THEY'RE ALL BUSY WITH SIMILAR ATTACKS ELSEWHERE.
LOVELY. SO...SPLIT THEM 50/50?
IF YOU CAN KEEP UP, SURE.

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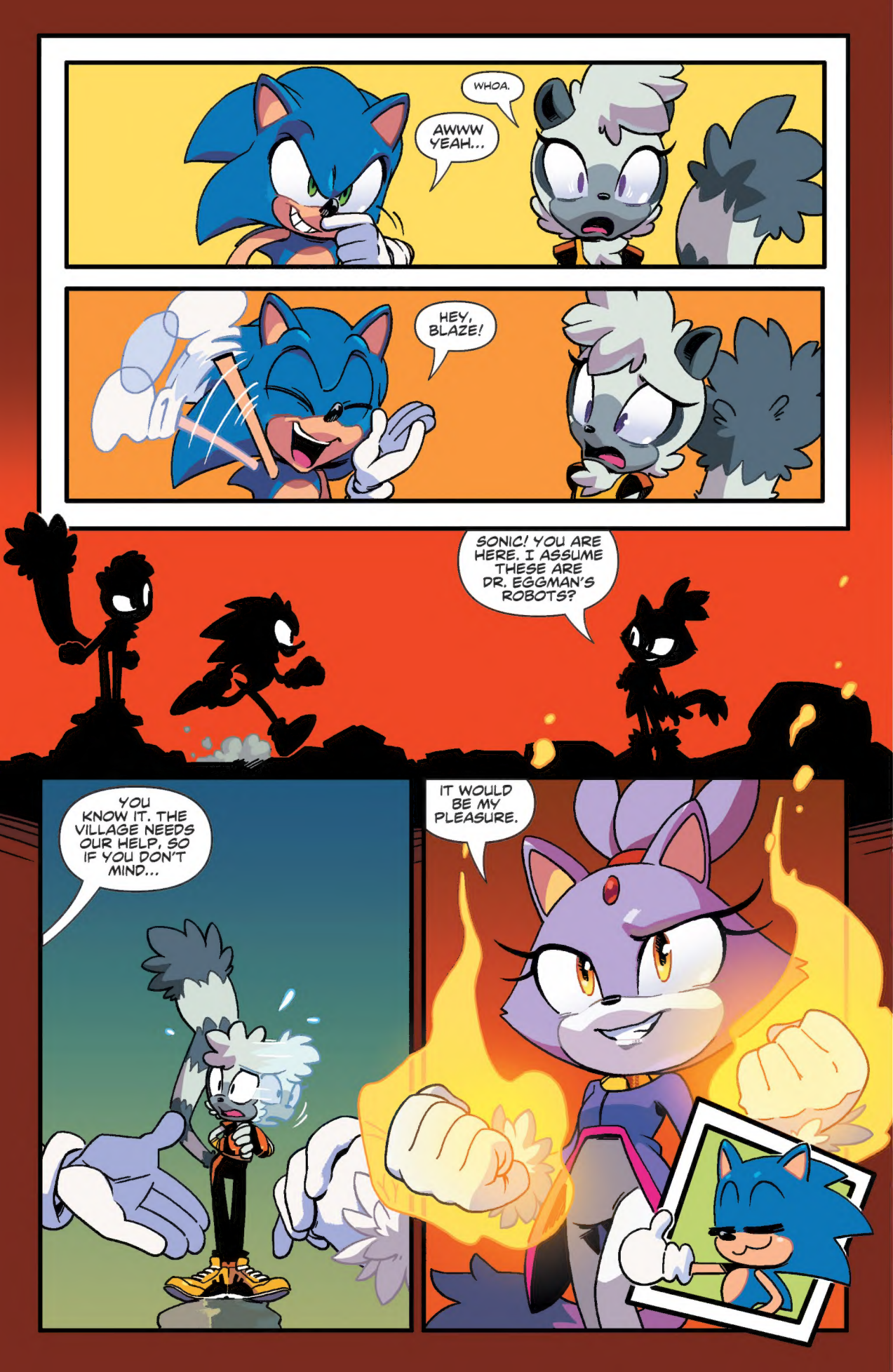
WHOA.
AWWW YEAH...
HEY, BLAZE!
SONIC! YOU ARE HERE. I ASSUME THESE ARE DR. EGGMAN'S ROBOTS?
YOU KNOW IT. THE VILLAGE NEEDS OUR HELP, SO IF YOU DON'T MIND...
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.

SMASH
SMASH
SMASH

RAKKA-
RAKKA-
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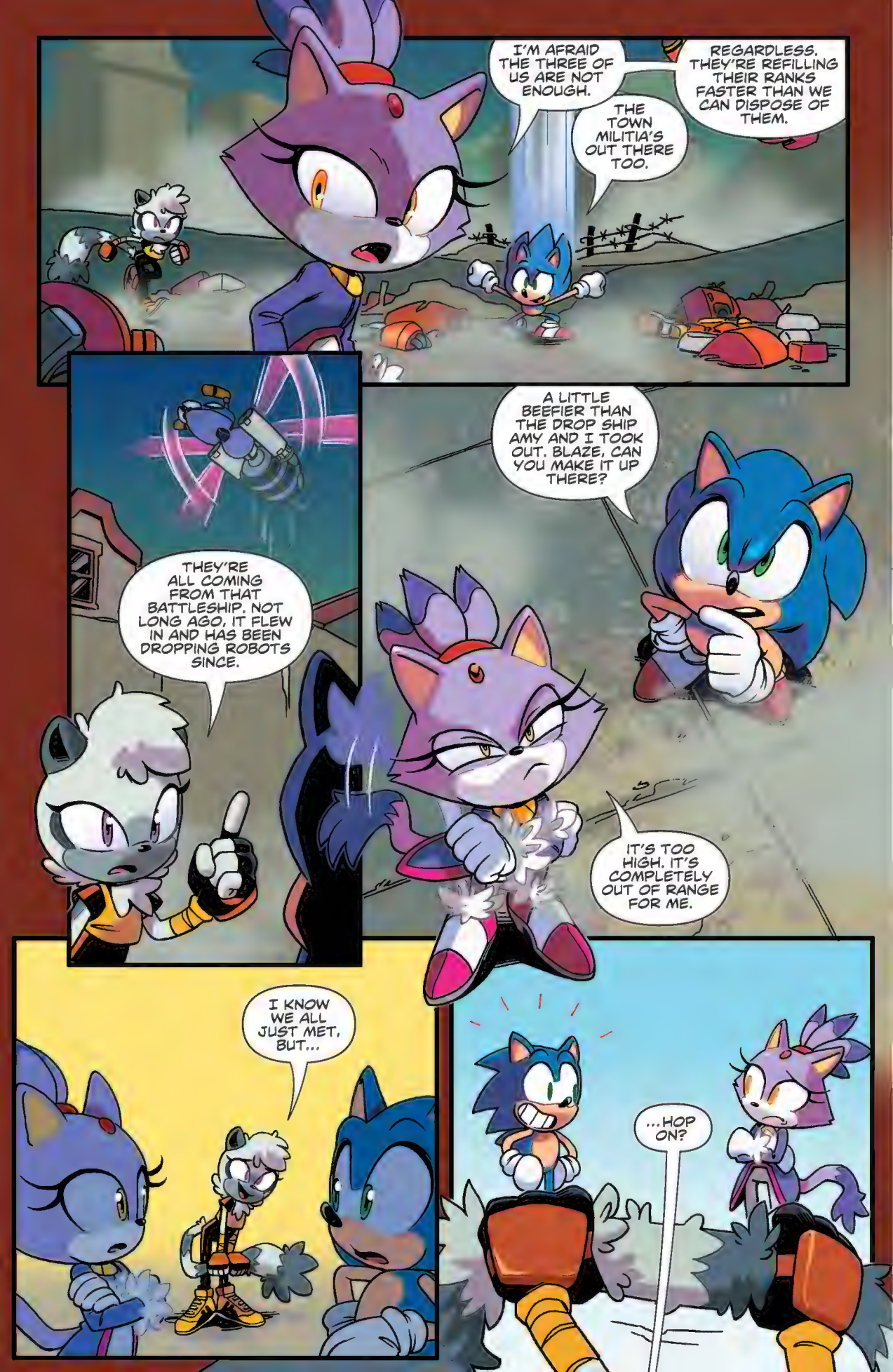
FASSSH
POW
POW


I'M AFRAID THE THREE OF US ARE NOT ENOUGH.
THE TOWN MILITIA'S OUT THERE TOO.
REGARDLESS. THEY'RE REFILLING THEIR RANKS FASTER THAN WE CAN DISPOSE OF THEM.
THEY'RE ALL COMING FROM THAT BATTLESHIP. NOT LONG AGO, IT FLEW IN AND HAS BEEN DROPPING ROBOTS SINCE.
A LITTLE BEEFIER THAN THE DROP SHIP AMY AND I TOOK OUT. BLAZE, CAN YOU MAKE IT UP THERE?
IT'S TOO HIGH. IT'S COMPLETELY OUT OF RANGE FOR ME.
I KNOW WE ALL JUST MET, BUT...
...HOP ON?

READY?
READY.
BON VOYAGE!

SOK

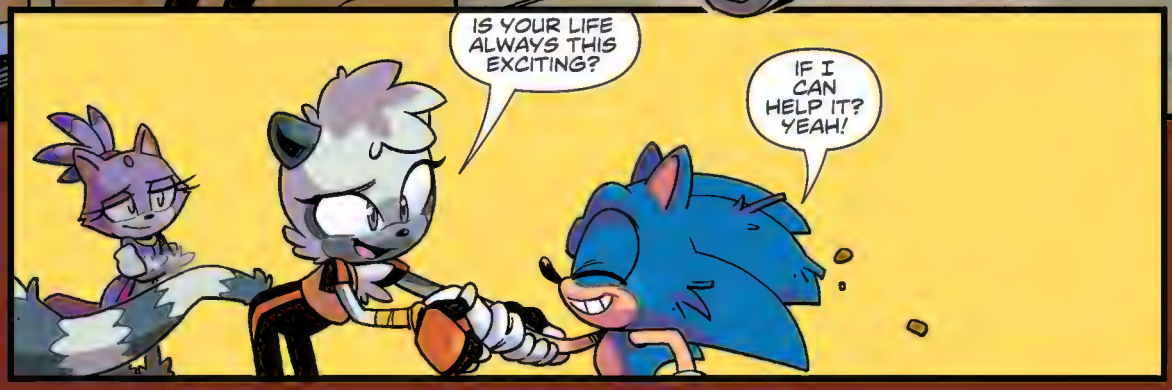
KABOOM
BOOM
BOOM
KABOOM

THAT WAS AMAZING...

...BUT IS SONIC GOING TO BE ALRIGHT?
HE WILL BE.

DUMMP
DUMMP
DUMMP

THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN, YOU GUYS...


IS YOUR LIFE ALWAYS THIS EXCITING?
IF I CAN HELP IT? YEAH!

RIGHT, SO, INTRODUCTIONS!
BLAZE, THIS IS TANGLE. SHE'S A LOCAL.
TANGLE, THIS IS BLAZE. SHE'S A PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION AND GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS.
THEY'RE LIKE CHAOS EMERALDS, BUT FIERY.
...
HAHA— YEAH, OKAY.
THANKS FOR SAVING MY HOME, YOUR HIGHNESS.
YOU ARE WELCOME. AND PLEASE, JUST CALL ME "BLAZE."
I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT WHAT'S THE OCCASION?
I FELT THE WILL OF THE SOL EMERALDS. I'VE COME TO PREVENT A TERRIBLE EVENT ON YOUR WORLD.
HA! NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU'RE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS LATE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EGGMAN LOCKED ME UP AND TOOK OVER THE WORLD.
...WHAT?
S'COOL. MY FRIENDS BUSTED ME OUT AND WE KICKED HIS BUTT.
HOLD ON—YOU SAID THE LEFT-OVER BADNIKS ARE GETTING ORGANIZED, RIGHT?
YEAH. SO FAR IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S EGGMAN, BUT...
DOESN'T MATTER. THE POINT IS THEY'RE GETTING DANGEROUS.
WHAT IF THE WAR WAS JUST THE BEGINNING? WHAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN WORSE ON THE WAY?
THE SOL EMERALDS ARE NOT... CHATTY. IF THEY DIRECTED ME HERE, IT WAS FOR A PURPOSE.
AND I WILL REMAIN HERE UNTIL THAT PURPOSE IS MADE CLEAR.
I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU.

BUT FIRST—MANY PARTS OF YOUR VILLAGE ARE BURNING. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO CALM THE FLAMES.
SHOW ME WHERE YOU NEED ME.
YOU. ARE. AMAZING. FOLLOW ME!

I'LL LEAVE THE HUNT FOR THE RINGLEADER TO YOU FOR NOW!
BYE, SONIC! THANKS FOR EVERY-THING!
CIAO!

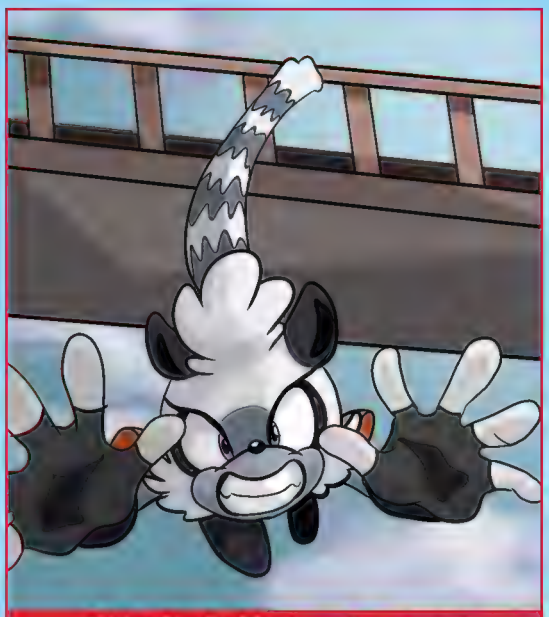
WHEW! MAN, AFTER ALL THAT, I NEED A BREATHER.

THAT'LL DO!

ELSEWHERE...
IT'S LATE. IT'S TIME TO COME IN.
BUH-BUH-BUT IT'S BUSTED! I C-C-CAN'T CARRY IT INSIDE!
OH-HO-HO... DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE ONE. I'LL FIX YOUR LITTLE RED WAGON.
SOON, I'LL BE FIXING EVERY-THING!
NEXT TIME:
THE DOCTOR IS IN!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans!
No letters this issue because we have a very special message from writer **Ian Flynn!** Shout out to Ian Flynn, Evan Stanley, Matt Herms and Tyson Hesse for their amazing work on Tangle's debut issue! AND, we have a ton of fan art of everyone's new favorite lemur! Check it out!



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-**Joe Hughes** and **David Mariotte**

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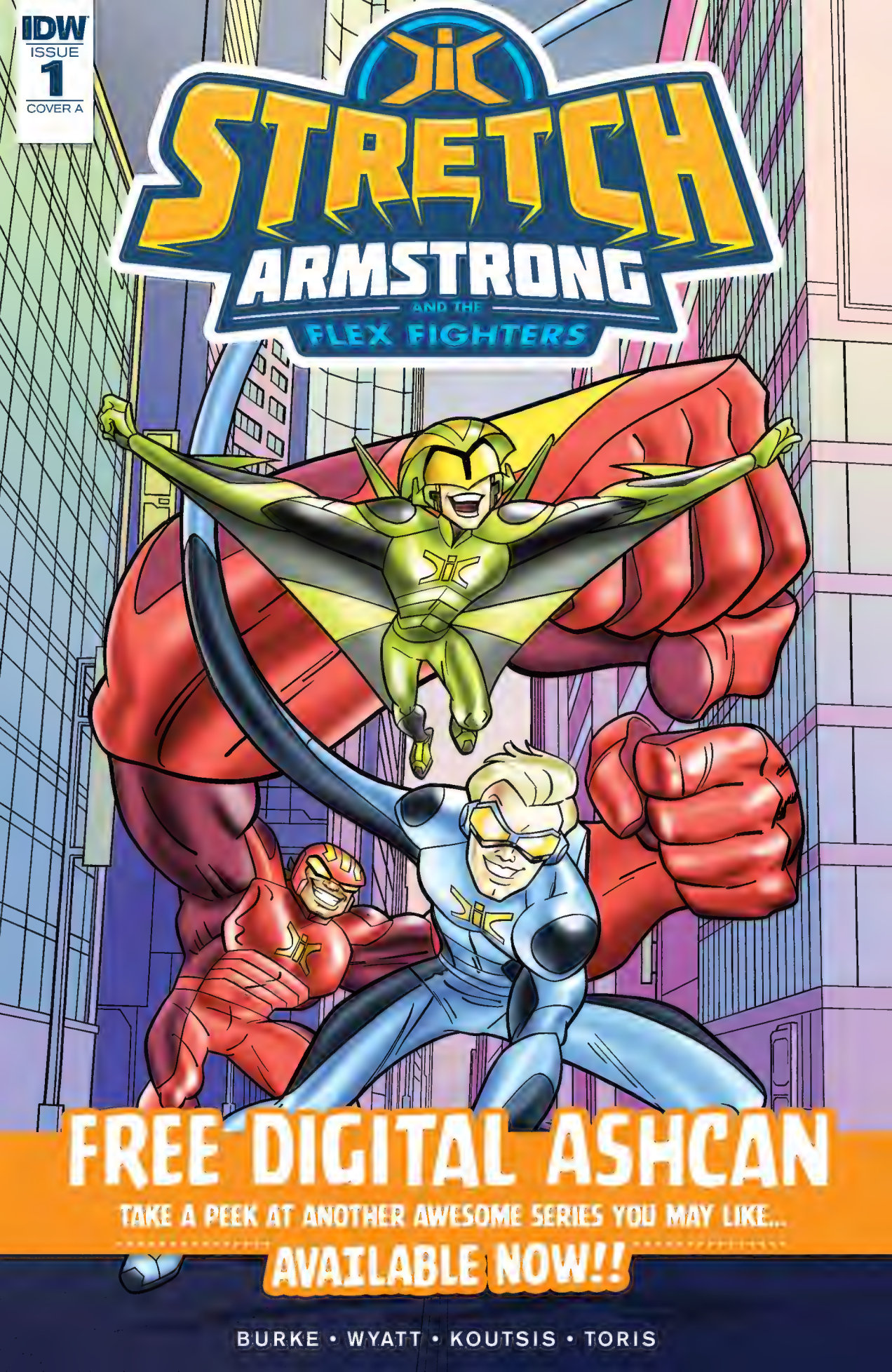
Hello Sonic Fans!

Here we are at the end of an unprecedented four week mad dash of Sonic! I had a blast writing it all, and my hat's off to the phenomenal production team that pulled off a monthly endeavor four times over. It'll make the regular once-a-month feel boring, right guys? …guys? Tough crowd–moving on!

I hope you all have enjoyed our first four issues into Sonic's brand new comic adventures! I'm so excited for you to see what we have in store for the long run–pun unapologetically intended. It's going to be great to see some fan-favorites show up, and we've got some new faces who will spice things up as well! And! AND! I can barely contain my excitement, but I don't want to spoil it for you either.

As a life-long Sonic fan–and what feels like a lifetime spent writing the little blue hedgehog–you have my sincerest thanks for reading and supporting us as we get this new series underway. I couldn't be happier returning to Sonic's world, and I hope you enjoy it enough to stay with us for a long, long time.

Cheers,
Ian Flynn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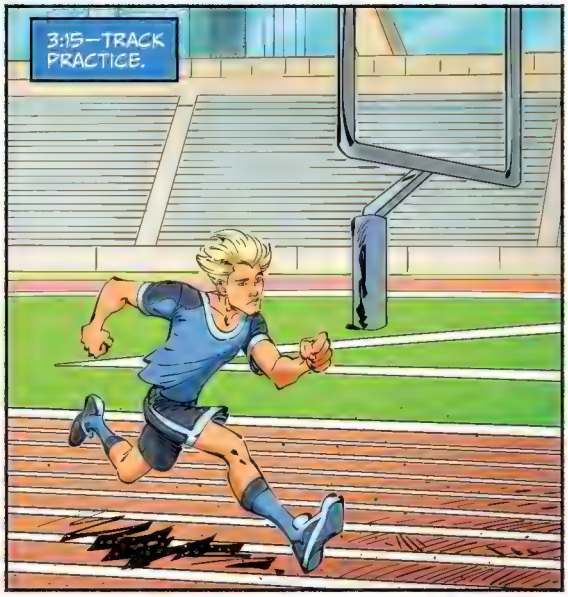
MY DAD'S GOT ME ON A PRETTY TIGHT AFTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE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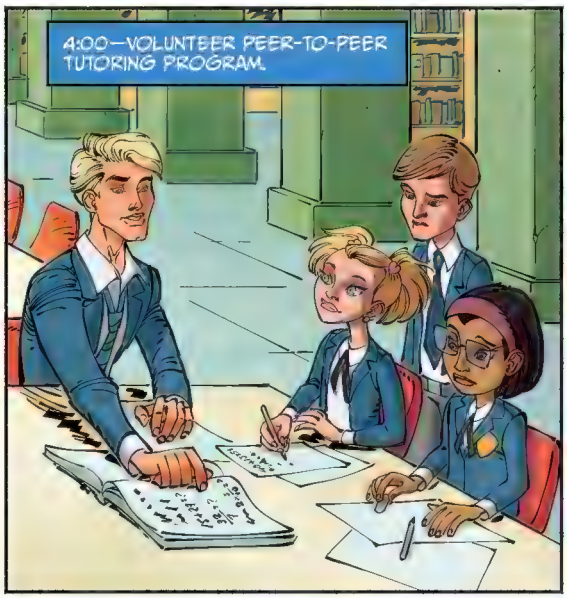
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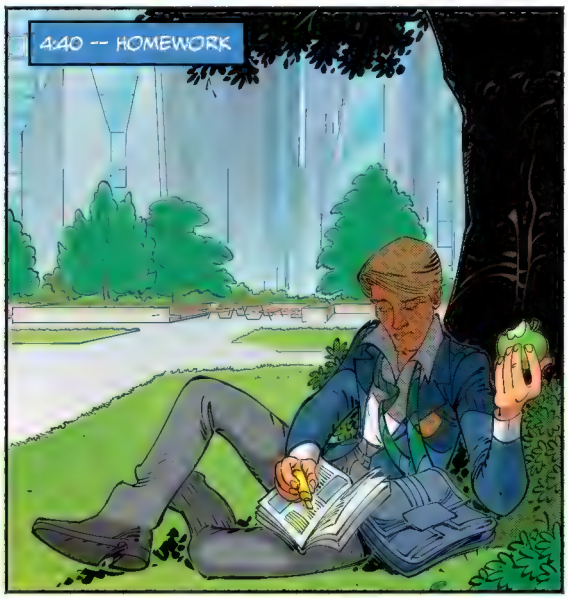
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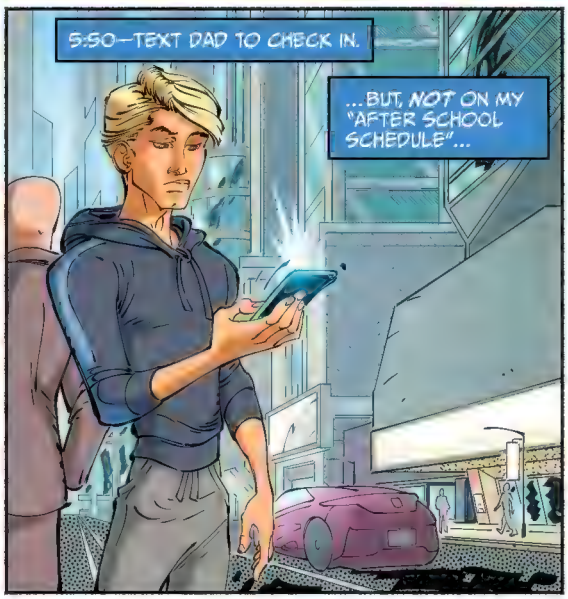
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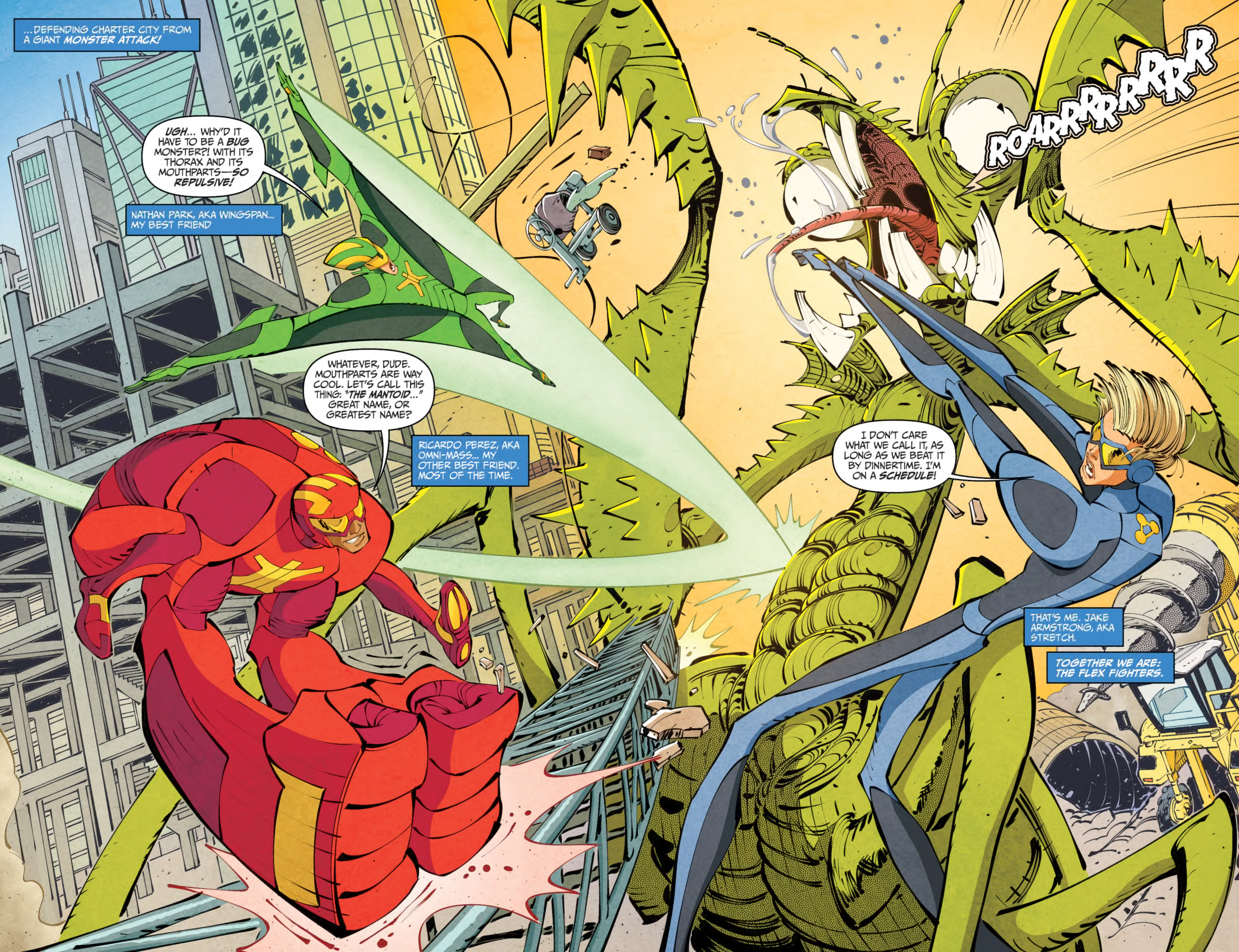
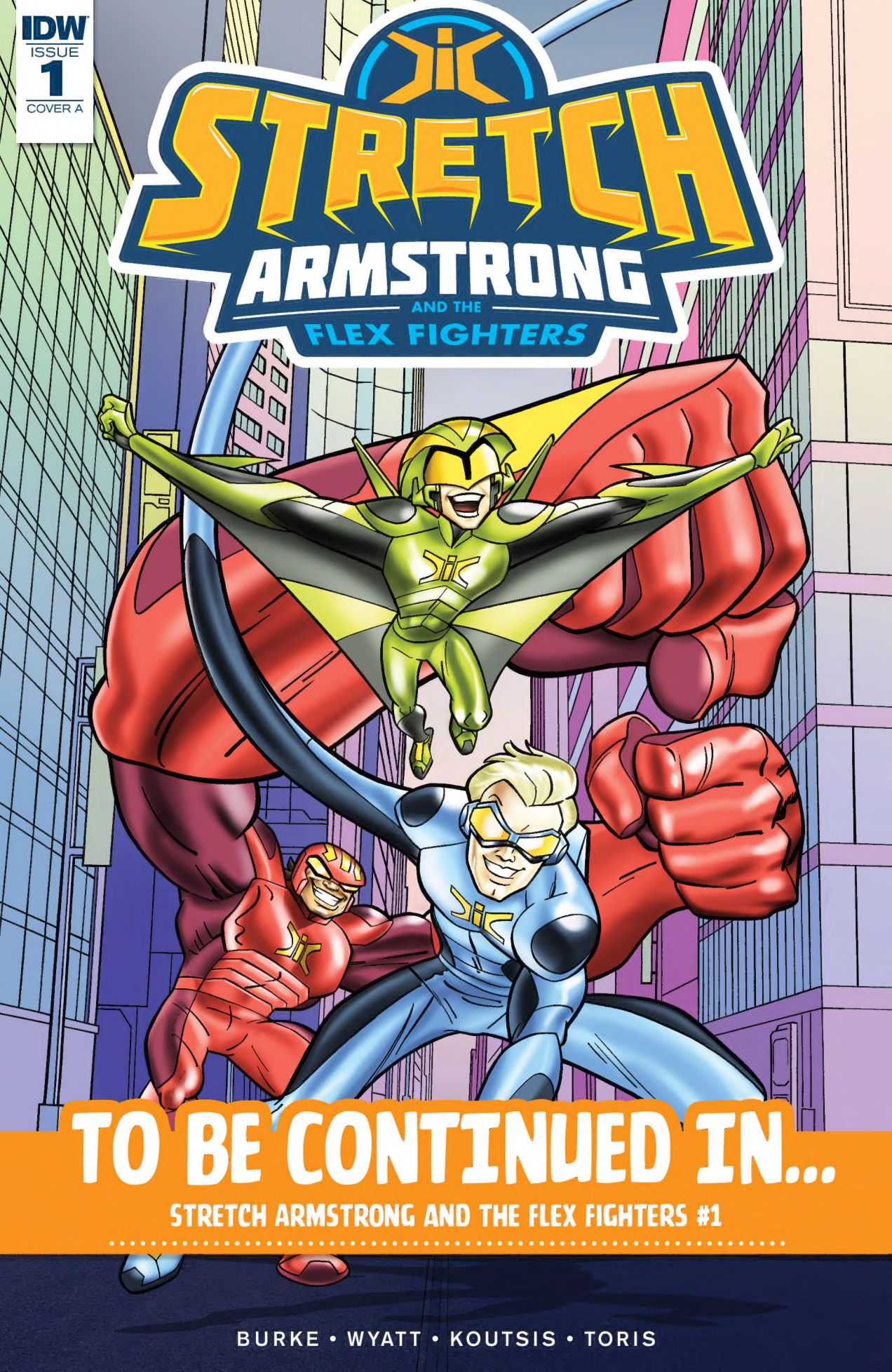
...BUT, NOT ON MY "AFTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE"...


...DEFENDING CHARTER CITY FROM A GIANT MONSTER ATTACK!
UGH... WHY'D IT HAVE TO BE A BUG MONSTER?! WITH ITS THORAX AND ITS MOUTHPARTS—SO REPULSIVE!
NATHAN PARK, AKA WINGSPAN... MY BEST FRIEND
WHATEVER, DUDE. MOUTHPARTS ARE WAY COOL. LET'S CALL THIS THING: "THE MANTOID..." GREAT NAME, OR GREATEST NAME?
RICARDO PEREZ, AKA OMNI-MASS... MY OTHER BEST FRIEND. MOST OF THE TIME.
ROARRRRRRRRR
I DON'T CARE WHAT WE CALL IT, AS LONG AS WE BEAT IT BY DINNERTIME. I'M ON A SCHEDULE!
THAT'S ME. JAKE ARMSTRONG, AKA STRETCH.
TOGETHER WE ARE: THE FLEX FIGHTERS.

"BEHOLD, THE MANTOID! - PART 1"
WHEN HIGH-SCHOOLER JAKE ARMSTRONG AND HIS TWO BEST FRIENDS NATHAN PARK AND RICARDO PEREZ WERE ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED TO AN EXPERIMENTAL CHEMICAL CALLED FLEXARIUM, THEY DEVELOPED INCREDIBLE POWERS THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR LIVES FOREVER.
SPONSORED BY ROOK UNLIMITED, THE BIGGEST TECH COMPANY IN THE WORLD, STRETCH, WINGSPAN AND OMNI-MASS ARE NOW A TEAM OF TEENAGE SUPERHEROES CALLED... THE FLEX FIGHTERS, PROTECTING THEIR HOMETOWN, CHARTER CITY, FROM ANY AND EVERY THREAT.
KEEPING THEIR IDENTITIES SECRET, THE THREE FRIENDS TRY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL LIVES, BUT WHEN THE CITY NEEDS THEM, THE FLEX FIGHTERS ARE THERE!

KEEP THAT CREATURE CONTAINED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, FLEX FIGHTERS, AND TAKE IT DOWN.
THE LAST THING I WANT IS TO ORDER THE DELTA TEAM TO OPEN FIRE IN A DENSELY POPULATED AREA LIKE THIS.
MALCOLM KANE, HEAD OF SECURITY FOR ROOK UNLIMITED... HE KINDA TRAINS US. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE LIKES US.
KANE RUNS DELTA TEAM, ROOK SECURITY'S ELITE UNIT.
YEAH, EASIER SAID THAN DONE! ITS SKIN IS LIKE ARMOR!
OH, MAN... IT'S AN "EXTERNAL SKELETON" THAT IT CAN SHED, OR "MOLT"... SO GROSS!
FOR SOMEONE WHO HATES BUGS, YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT BUGS.
HOW'D THIS THING GET HERE, ANYWAY?
WE DON'T KNOW YET. WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION CREW BROUGHT IN THAT BIG DRILL, THIS MONSTER PULLED ITSELF FROM THE TUNNELS IN THE FOUNDATION.
IT ATTACKED THOSE PEOPLE UNPROVOKED! WE NEED TO EXTERMINATE IT ANY WAY WE CAN BEFORE PEOPLE GET HURT!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